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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2005 for three (3) months from August 16, 2005 to November 16, 2005. An Amendment responding to the Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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